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In re Patent Application of

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PETITION TO RESET RESPONSE DATE TO OFFICE ACTION BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action mailed on October 4, 2005 was never received by Applicants' attorney. See the item dated 10/6/05 on the Patent Office PAIR website, a copy of which is attached. Applicants' representatives first became aware of the Office Action on February 23, 2006, while performing a routine status check using Private PAIR.

A search of the file jacket and docket records also indicates that the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 was never received.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the response date for the Office Action be reset, or alternatively that the Office Action be withdrawn and then re-issued with a new response date that will provide reasonable time to prepare a reply to the Office Action.

A complete response to the Office Action is also submitted concurrently herewith. In the event that this petition is denied, the Patent Office is respectfully

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requested to grant Applicants a three month extension of time and to charge the fees to Applicants' Attorneys' Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

It is believed that a fee is not required by this Petition. If a fee is required, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the fee to Applicants' Attorneys' Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this communication, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited..

Respectfully submitted,

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